



Complete Summary

TITLE

Pregnancy and related conditions: percent of patients who have vaginal deliveries with third or fourth degree perineal laceration.

SOURCE(S)

Specifications manual for national hospital quality measures, version 1.04. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO); 2005 Aug. various p.

Measure Domain

PRIMARY MEASURE DOMAIN

Outcome

The validity of measures depends on how they are built. By examining the key building blocks of a measure, you can assess its validity for your purpose. For more information, visit the [Measure Validity](#) page.

SECONDARY MEASURE DOMAIN

Does not apply to this measure

Brief Abstract

DESCRIPTION

This measure is used to assess the percent of patients who have vaginal deliveries with third or fourth degree perineal laceration.

RATIONALE

Third and fourth degree perineal lacerations can produce significant long term morbidity in women undergoing childbirth. Chronic complications can include anorectal abscess, rectovaginal fistula, fecal incontinence, dyspareunia and can result in the need for operative surgical repair. Therefore, the percentage of deliveries involving third and fourth degree lacerations is a useful quality indicator of obstetrical care and can assist in reducing the morbidity from extensive perineal tears.

PRIMARY CLINICAL COMPONENT

Pregnancy; vaginal delivery; third or fourth degree perineal laceration

DENOMINATOR DESCRIPTION

All patients with vaginal deliveries (see the related "Denominator Inclusions/Exclusions" field in the Complete Summary)

NUMERATOR DESCRIPTION

All patients with third or fourth degree perineal laceration (see the related "Numerator Inclusions/Exclusions" field in the Complete Summary)

Evidence Supporting the Measure

EVIDENCE SUPPORTING THE CRITERION OF QUALITY

- One or more research studies published in a National Library of Medicine (NLM) indexed, peer-reviewed journal

Evidence Supporting Need for the Measure

NEED FOR THE MEASURE

Unspecified

State of Use of the Measure

STATE OF USE

Current routine use

CURRENT USE

Accreditation
Collaborative inter-organizational quality improvement
Internal quality improvement

Application of Measure in its Current Use

CARE SETTING

Hospitals

PROFESSIONALS RESPONSIBLE FOR HEALTH CARE

Measure is not provider specific

LOWEST LEVEL OF HEALTH CARE DELIVERY ADDRESSED

Single Health Care Delivery Organizations

TARGET POPULATION AGE

Women of childbearing age

TARGET POPULATION GENDER

Female (only)

STRATIFICATION BY VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

Unspecified

Characteristics of the Primary Clinical Component

INCIDENCE/PREVALENCE

Unspecified

ASSOCIATION WITH VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

Unspecified

BURDEN OF ILLNESS

See the "Rationale" field.

UTILIZATION

Unspecified

COSTS

Unspecified

Institute of Medicine National Healthcare Quality Report Categories

IOM CARE NEED

Getting Better

IOM DOMAIN

Effectiveness

CASE FINDING

Users of care only

DESCRIPTION OF CASE FINDING

All patients with vaginal deliveries

DENOMINATOR SAMPLING FRAME

Patients associated with provider

DENOMINATOR INCLUSIONS/EXCLUSIONS

Inclusions

Discharges with International Classification of Diseases, Ninth Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-9-CM) Principal Diagnosis Code or ICD-9-CM Other Diagnosis Codes for pregnancy with delivery as defined in Appendix A of the original measure documentation

Exclusions

Discharges with ICD-9-CM Principal Procedure Code or ICD-9-CM Other Procedure Codes for cesarean section and ICD-9-CM Principal Diagnosis Code or ICD-9-CM Other Diagnosis Codes for abortion, as defined in Appendix A of the original measure documentation

DENOMINATOR (INDEX) EVENT

Clinical Condition
Institutionalization
Therapeutic Intervention

DENOMINATOR TIME WINDOW

Time window is a single point in time

NUMERATOR INCLUSIONS/EXCLUSIONS

Inclusions

All patients with third or fourth degree perineal laceration with International Classification of Diseases, Ninth Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-9-CM) Principal Diagnosis Code or ICD-9-CM Other Diagnosis Codes for third or fourth degree perineal laceration as defined in Appendix of the original measure documentation

Exclusions

Unspecified

NUMERATOR TIME WINDOW

Encounter or point in time

DATA SOURCE

Administrative data

LEVEL OF DETERMINATION OF QUALITY

Not Individual Case

OUTCOME TYPE

Adverse Outcome

PRE-EXISTING INSTRUMENT USED

Unspecified

Computation of the Measure

SCORING

Rate

INTERPRETATION OF SCORE

Better quality is associated with a lower score

ALLOWANCE FOR PATIENT FACTORS

Risk adjustment devised specifically for this measure/condition

DESCRIPTION OF ALLOWANCE FOR PATIENT FACTORS

This measure is adjusted for risk factors. Refer to Appendix B of the original measure documentation for risk factor definitions.

STANDARD OF COMPARISON

External comparison at a point in time
External comparison of time trends
Internal time comparison

Evaluation of Measure Properties

EXTENT OF MEASURE TESTING

Pregnancy and Related Conditions Core Measure Set has been field tested in conjunction with the National Perinatal Information Center (NPIC) using its trend database to analyze the measures. This testing permitted refinement respecting the measures and provided information pertinent to risk-adjustment models.

EVIDENCE FOR RELIABILITY/VALIDITY TESTING

Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO). A comprehensive review of development and testing for national implementation of hospital core measures. Oakbrook Terrace (IL): Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO); 40 p.

Identifying Information

ORIGINAL TITLE

PR-3: third or fourth degree laceration.

MEASURE COLLECTION

[National Hospital Quality Measures](#)

MEASURE SET NAME

[Pregnancy and Related Conditions](#)

DEVELOPER

Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations

ENDORSER

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ADAPTATION

Measure was adapted from another source.

PARENT MEASURE

Vaginal deliveries with third and fourth degree laceration (Arkansas Foundation for Medical Care, Inc)

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MEASURE STATUS

Please note: This measure has been updated. The National Quality Measures Clearinghouse is working to update this summary.

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MEASURE AVAILABILITY

The individual measure, "PR-3: Third or Fourth Degree Laceration," is published in "Specifications Manual for National Hospital Quality Measures (Version 1.04)." This document is available from the [Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations \(JCAHO\) Web site](#). Information is also available from the [Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services \(CMS\) Web site](#). Check the JCAHO Web site regularly for the most recent version of the specifications manual and for the applicable dates of discharge.

COMPANION DOCUMENTS

The following are available:

- Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO). A comprehensive review of development and testing for national implementation of hospital core measures. Oakbrook Terrace (IL): Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO); 40 p. This document is available from the [JCAHO Web site](#).
- Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO). Attributes of core performance measures and associated evaluation criteria. Oakbrook Terrace (IL): Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO); 5 p. This document is available from the [JCAHO Web site](#).

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